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Colonel Donald M. Marks, USAF  
Chief, Politico-Military Division  
Studies, Analysis and Gaming Agency (SAGA)  
The Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Colonel Marks:

Your letter of 23 May to Jack Iams, our Director of Joint Computer Support, fell between the cracks due to some reorganization, reassignment and vacation plans. It has since been referred to me. My apologies for the delay.

It probably will not surprise you to hear that we do have some problems with a contractor seeking details on our data bases. I suggest that for purposes of good order, and consistent with our general practice, the Defense Intelligence Agency serve as the channel for developing some kind of useful response to your interests. I have discussed this matter with [redacted], the DIA member of the United States Intelligence Board's Information Handling Committee, who concurs.

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Your survey effort sounds a bit staggering in scope. I wish you success!

Sincerely,

/s/ Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs  
Chairman, Information Processing Board

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Dear Mr. Iams,

The Politico-Military Division (PMD) of the Studies, Analysis and Gaming Agency (SAGA) of the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has tasked Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) to conduct a Data Retrieval Systems/Data Bank Survey. Under Contract with the Defense Communications Agency (DCA), CSC is surveying data banks containing political science, international relations, military, and economic information. A CSC investigating team (with Top Secret Clearances and a need-to-know) requests to visit your organization to discuss your data bank holdings with you or your representatives.

This survey will serve a dual purpose: first, to determine what national political data bases are available in governmental and non-governmental institutions; second, to ascertain which of these systems/data banks are automated, the subscription costs, if any, required to obtain information therein, and the computer and software characteristics of each automated system. The survey is to identify those data banks which may contain resource information for the conduct of four exercises per year to assess possible policies in various world areas three to six years in the future. The technique used involves manual political-military simulation conducted by high level military and civilian officials of the Executive Branch.


In order to compile the most complete listing, CSC is contacting all potentially suitable activities and institutions in the United States. Your activity is a possible candidate for having the desired data. A CSC survey team, consisting of Mr. Hans Ullmann and Mr. Robert McAllister,

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would like to visit your organization at a mutually convenient time and will contact you by telephone.

We would appreciate any assistance you can give us.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



DONALD M. MARKS  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Politico-Military  
Division

Mr. John Iams  
Director of Office of Joint  
Computer Services  
Central Intelligence Agency

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